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# Illinois Literary Heritage Calendar 1985



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# January 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ILLINOIS LITERARY HERITAGE CALENDAR</p> <p>Throughout this calendar, Illinois authors' names have been noted on their birthdays along with where in Illinois they lived or are living and what type of literature they wrote. For authors who have died, dates of their birth and death are included. Each month has been assigned a literary focus with a list of important writers in each genre. For more information ask at your library.</p>		<p>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY</p>	<p>2 Illini Storytellers' Guild meets the first Wednesday of every month.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Robin Metz, Galesburg, poetry, fiction.</p>	<p>5 Mary Wraight, Champaign-Urbana, poetry.</p> <p>Michael Sublett, Normal, non-fiction.</p>
<p>6 Carl Sandburg, 1878-1967, Galesburg, poetry, history, folk songs.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Alex Sawyer, Bloomington, poetry.</p>	<p>12 Margaret Danner, Chicago, poetry.</p>
<p>13 Wanda Leather, Pontiac, mysteries.</p>	<p>14 John Dos Passos, 1896-1970, Chicago, fiction, non-fiction.</p>	<p>15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY.</p>	<p>16 Can't find the book you want? Ask your librarian about Inter-library Loan.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 McLean Co. Art Ass'n features: Weavers and Wood Carvers, Jan. 13-March 2.</p>	<p>19</p>



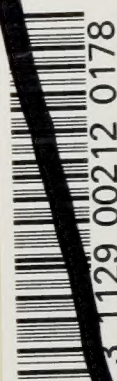
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Lawrence A. Keating, Chicago, children's books.			Curtis White, Bloomington fiction.		Peg Spaulding, Pontiac, children's books.
27	28	29	30	31		
	Joanne Riley, Normal, poetry.			Krysta Tepper, Bloomington, non-fiction.		Philip Jose Farmer, Peoria, fiction.



"Marion's hired hand" --courtesy of the McLean County Historical Society.

## Folklore and Folk Song

John Allen, Legends and Lore of Southern Illinois.  
 Janice R. Barrett and Jo C. Schuller, Illinois Artisans and Craftsmen.  
 B.A. Botkin, ed., A Treasury of Mississippi River Folklore.  
 Carl Carmer, ed., America Sings, Stories and Songs of our Country's Growing.  
 Agnes M. Feeney and John L. Leckel, The Legendary Illinois Cookbook, Historic and Culinary Lore from the Prairie State.  
 James Gray, The Illinois.  
 John Hay, Pike County Ballads.  
 Mortiz A. Jagendorf, Sand in the Bag and Other Stories of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.  
 Edgar Lee Masters, The Sangamon.  
 George W. May, Down Illinois Rivers.  
 David McIntosh, Folk Songs and Singing Games of the Illinois Ozarks.  
 Carl Sandburg, American Songbag.  
 Roger Welsch, Shingling with Fog and Other Plains Lies.






# February 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
<p>Charles Merrill Smith has five fiction and seven non-fiction books to his credit. His mysteries feature the Rev. Dr. C.P. Randolllph, a Rams quarterback-turned-minister, whose church is located in a downtown Chicago office building. Besides saving souls, Dr. Randolllph helps solve murders. Dr. Smith, also an ordained minister, has never solved a murder, but enjoys human psychology as Rev. Randolllph does. He has lived in Bloomington for many years.</p>						
<p>1 Elwell Crissey, Bloomington, history.</p>						
<p>2 Rebecca Caudell, Urbana, children's books.</p>						
<p>5 Adlai E. Stevenson, 1900-1965, Bloomington, non-fiction.</p>						
<p>8 Lisel Mueller, Chicago, poetry.</p>						
<p>13 Lily M. Ritchie, Bloomington, children's books.</p>						
<p>16 Laurence Lieberman, Urbana, poetry.</p>						



17	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED Bill Johnston, Urbana, poetry.  Marita Brake, Normal, song writer, poet.				
18	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY Bill Johnston, Urbana, poetry.  Marita Brake, Normal, song writer, poet.	19	ASH WEDNESDAY	21	Free recorded material for the blind and physically handicapped. Call 1-800-322-9164.
24		25		27	Marvin Gerstein, Champaign-Urbana, poetry.  James T. Farrell, Chicago, fiction.
		26		28	Dee Brown, Urbana, historical fiction.  Ben Hecht, Chicago, novels and screen plays.
				22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
				23	William L. Shirer, Chicago, non-fiction.
					

Charles Merrill Smith is pictured with granddaughters Mary (above) and Tami (upper left) Williamson. Photos were taken at Bloomington Public Library.


## Novelists-Present

Saul Bellow, Herzog, Henderson the Rain King.  
Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit Four Fifty-One, The Martian Chronicles.  
William Brashler, The Chosen Prey.  
Dee Alexander Brown, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.  
Joan Chase, During the Reign of the Queen of Persia.  
Cyrus Colter, Night Studies.  
Leon Forrest, The Bloodworth Orphans.  
Elizabeth Klein, Reconciliations.  
William Maxwell, Ancestors.  
Harry Mark Petrakis, Nick the Greek, A Dream of Kings.  
Charles M. Smith, Reverend Randollph and the Unholy Bible.  
Wilson Tucker, The Warlock, The Year of the Quiet Sun.

Information about this summer's Illinois Wesleyan Writers' Conference is now available. Contact: Bettie W. Story, (309) 828-5092 or Marilyn Poll, (309) 556-3071.



# March 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>Harold Sinclair was born in Chicago in 1907, but lived most of his life in Bloomington. Some of his novels include: <u>The American Years</u>, <u>The Horse Soldiers</u>, <u>The Cavalryman</u> and <u>Years of Illusion</u>. He also contributed short stories to popular magazines and articles to newspapers. One of his novels was made into a movie. He died May 24, 1966.</p>			
3	4	5 Frank Norris 1870-1902, Chicago, fiction.	6 Ring Lardner, 1885-1933, Chicago, fiction, non-fiction.	7	8 Deborah Bosley, Decatur, poetry.  Edgar A. Mowrer, 1892-1977, Bloomington, non-fiction, Pulitzer Prize.	9 Elder Olson, Chicago, poetry.
10	11 A library card from any Corn Belt Library System member library is good at any other CBLS library and at many libraries throughout the state.	12	13 Dorothy Aldis, 1886- 1966, Chicago, children's books.	14 Thelma Oglesby, Normal, fiction.	15	16



17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	Dave Etter, Elburn, poetry.	18	Elaine Palencia, Champaign, romances.  Irving Wallace, Chicago, fiction.	20	Margaret Price, 1888-1973, Chicago, child- ren's books.	21	Catherine Corley Anderson, Chicago, child- ren's books.	22	23	
24	Sandra Hart, Bloomington, fiction.	25	Elizabeth Klein, Champaign, fiction, poetry.	26	Suzanne LaRue, Springfield, poetry.	27	28	29	Elsa M. Barker, Sibley, westerns.  Helen Wells, Danville, child- ren's books.	30	Samson Raphaelson, Chicago, screen writer.

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## Novelists-Past


Nelson Algren, The Wild Side; The Neon Wilderness.  
Mary Hartwell Catherwood, The Lady of Fort St. John.  
John Dos Passos, Manhattan Transfer; Nineteen Nineteen.  
Theodore Dreiser, Sister Carrie, The Titan.  
James T. Farrell, Dream Girl; Father and Son.  
Elizabeth Irons Folsom, Free; Mad Rapture.  
Henry Blake Fuller, With the Procession.  
Hamlin Garland, Son of the Middle Border.  
Robert Herrick, Clark's Field; The Common Lot.  
Juliette Kinzie, Wau-Bun.  
Joseph Kirkland, Zury the Meanest Man in Spring County.  
Richard Wright, Native Son; The Long Dream.




Harold Sinclair. Photos courtesy  
of the McLean Co. Historical Society.



# April 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Manuscripts by Young Authors will be on display at Bloomington Public Library throughout the month of April.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> GOOD FRIDAY Richard Peck, Decatur, novels, young adult books	<b>6</b> PASSOVER BEGINS Ida Chittum, Findlay, children's books.
<b>7</b> EASTER SUNDAY Lucien Stryk, DeKalb, poetry. Patricia Lieb, Bourbonnais, poetry, fiction.	<b>8</b> Margaret Barnes, 1886-1967, Chicago, novelist, Pulitzer Prize.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Betty Lore Smith, Bloomington, poetry.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BEGINS.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Clarence Darrow, Chicago, non-fiction. Bill Retoff, Minonk, non-fiction.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>



21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Besides books, you can check out art prints, records, films and video at your library.				
28	29	30	<p><i>Illinois Prairie Woman</i></p> <p><i>Illinois prairie woman Back brown from the sun, Illinois prairie woman Tired when the day is done. Prairie wind in her long yellow hair, A calico dress in a straight back chair, Illinois prairie woman Buried on a hill up there.</i></p> <p><i>Folk song by Marita Brake.</i></p>			
Sarah A. Derman, Rock Island children's books.						

*This photograph was taken at Weston Cemetery, a natural prairie preservation site, located just off highway 24, between Chenoa and Fairbury.*



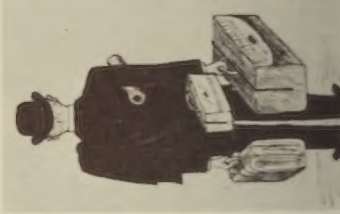
Genealogy materials and information are available in many places throughout this area. Some of these include:

- Union Bibliography of Local History Materials, available at all Corn Belt Library System member libraries.
- Leafing Out the Family Tree, an informative booklet free at Bloomington Public Library. BPL has a section devoted entirely to materials of interest to genealogists.
- Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society, McBarnes Building, 201 E. Grove, Bloomington. (309)827-0428.
- Lexington Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc., "The Fort," 318 West Main, Lexington. (309)365-4591.
- Dominy Memorial Library, Third and Walnut Sts., Fairbury, IL. (815)692-3231.
- Bloomington-Normal Adult Continuing Education. Genealogy classes offered by George Perkins. (309)827-8544.

## Family History



# May 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>JAN. 7</p> <p>Jan. 7. Wed. Had a dinner at our house.</p>	 <p>Jan. 14, Wed. Helped butcher.</p>	<p>E. M. Wilson was born in Bloomington in 1866 &amp; lived and worked there until moving to Chicago in 1901. From 1885-1903, he wrote the <u>Daleite</u>, a journal of daily events. Some of his entries are included here.</p>	<p><b>1</b> Poet Laureate Awards for children grades 1-12. Submit entries between May 1-15 to: Gwendolyn Brooks 7428 S. Evans Rd. Chicago, IL 60619</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Jacqueline Jackson, Springfield, children's books.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Richard Hovey, 1864-1900, Normal, poetry.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> McLean Co. Art Ass'n hosts Needle Expression May 6-31.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Archibald MacLeish, 1892-1982, poetry, plays, Pulitzer Prize.</p> <p>Gene Wolfe, Barrington, fiction.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Harold Sinclair, 1907-1966, Bloomington, fiction.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> 	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Studs Terkel, Chicago, non-fiction.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Irene Hunt, Newton, childrens books. Newbery Medal.</p>



19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Allan Nevins, 1890-1971, Camp Point, IL, history, Pulitzer Prize.				Can't find the book you want? Ask your librarian about Inter-library Loan.	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED		Samuel E. Moon, Galesburg, poetry.	MEMORIAL DAY		Journal entries from the Daleite, courtesy of the McLean County Historical Society.

## Diaries and Memoirs

Rebecca Burlend, A True Picture of Emigration.

Peter Cartwright, Autobiography, 1856.

Eliza Farnham, Life in Prairie Land, 1846.

James Haining, A Quincy History.

Robert J. Hastings, A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk.

Willene and George Hendrick, On the Illinois Frontier: Dr. Hiram

Rutherford 1840-1848.

David Pichaske, The Jubilee Diary: April 10, 1980-April 19, 1981.

Harry Pratt, Lincoln 1809-1839, Being the Day by Day Activities of

Abraham Lincoln from February 12, 1809 - December 31, 1839,

Springfield, Illinois.

Catherine Stewart, New Homes in the West, 1843.

Christiana Tillson, A Woman's Story of Pioneer Illinois.



PHOTOGRAPHICS IN PRACTICE  
CHAPTER II



# June 1985

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY



**1** Summer Reading Programs for children begin. Ask at your local library for details.

Photos feature views of the McLean County Courthouse taken by Prof. Robert C. Bray. Books of interest about McLean county include:

William B. Brigham, The Story of McLean County and Its Schools.

Helen Cavanaugh, Funk of Funk's Grove: Farmer, Legislator and Cattle King of the Old Northwest, 1797-1865.

Dr. E. Duis, Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois.

Don Munson, Greg Koos, Martin Wyckoff, The Illustrated History of McLean County.

H. Clay Tate, The Way It Was in McLean County, 1972-1822.

**2** Edwin Way Teale, 1899-1980, naturalist, Pulitzer Prize.

**4** Thomas E. Byrnes, Woodstock, non-fiction.

**5** Harry Mark Petrakis, Chicago, fiction.

**6**

**7** Gwendolyn Brooks, Chicago, poetry, Pulitzer Prize, Illinois Poet Laureate.

James McGowan, Bloomington, poetry.

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**9** Mildred Gilbertson, Galena, children's books.

**10** Saul Bellow, Chicago, fiction, Pulitzer Prize.

Charlotte Herman, Chicago, children's books.

**11** Josephine Miles, Chicago, poetry, non-fiction, plays.

**12** Thomas C. Hinkle, Laclede, children's books

**13** Mark Van Doren, 1894-1972, Hope, poetry, Pulitzer Prize.

**14** Janice May Urdy, Jacksonville, children's books.

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16	FATHER'S DAY  Elbert Hubbard, 1856-1915, Bloomington, fiction, non- fiction.	17	Steve Tietz, Benton, poetry.	18		19	Karen Lee Osborne, Bloomington, fiction.	20		21		22	John Z. Guzlowski, Charleston, poetry.
23		24	Helen Fern Daringer, Mattoon, fiction.	25		26		27		28	Floyd Dell, 1887-1969, Burry, fiction, non-fic- tion.	29	Don Marquis, 1878-1937, Walnut, poetry, plays, humor.

30 James A.  
Goldman,  
Chicago,  
screen plays.


## Historians

Clarence W. Alvord, The Illinois Country, 1673-1818.  
Paul M. Angle, The Lincoln Reader; Mary Lincoln, Wife and Widow.  
Elwell Crissey, Lincoln's Lost Speech; The Pivot of his Career.  
Walter Havighurst, Life in America: the Midwest.  
Robert Howard, Illinois: A History of the Prairie State.  
Allan Nevins, Illinois; The Emergence of Modern America.  
Theodore Pease, Story of Illinois.  
J.G. Randall, Lincoln, the President: Springfield to Gettysburg.  
Ruth Painter Randall, Lincoln's Sons; Mary Lincoln.  
Clyde C. Walton, Ed., An Illinois Reader.  
Mark Wyman, Immigrants in the Valley: Irish, Germans and Americans in the Upper Mississippi Country, 1830-1860.





# July 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Fifty-first anniversary of Putman's antiquarian bookstore in Bloomington.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Paul Scott Mowrer, 1887-1971, Bloomington, poetry, Pulitzer Prize.  INDEPENDENCE DAY	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Carol Schott, Chenoa, non-fiction, poetry, editor.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Martin Nickels, Danvers, non-fiction.	<b>11</b> Natalia Belting, Urbana, non-fiction.	<b>12</b> Buckminster Fuller, 1895-1983, Carbondale, non-fiction.	<b>13</b> Jamie LaRue, Springfield, poetry.
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Paul Carroll Chicago, poetry.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Free "talking books" for anyone who cannot read standard print. Call 1-800-322-9164.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>



**21** Lillian Budd  
Chicago,  
children's  
books.

**22** Rosamond  
Neal du  
Jardin,  
1902-1963, Fair-  
land, children's  
books.

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For poets:  
Illinois State Poetry Society  
c/o Frank A. Lydic  
Box 36  
Joliet, IL 60434

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**28** Kenneth  
Fearing,  
1902-1961,  
Oak Park, poetry,  
novels.

**29** Charles  
Merrill  
Smith,  
Bloomington, non-  
fiction, novels.

**30**

Illinois  
Wesleyan  
University  
Writers' Conference all this week.

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## Small Press

"Small Press" refers to publishing operations with a different size and scope than the large publishing houses. Small Press publications usually have a smaller editorial staff, smaller press runs and often focus on original poetry, short fiction and original art. There are about 75 small presses in Illinois. Lists of these can be found under the 'Illinois' listing in The International Directory of Little Magazines and Small Presses and in the 1983 edition of the Illinois Writers Review, a publication of Illinois Writers, Inc. Pikestaff Press, located in Normal, publishes an annual Forum, an occasional Review and a small number of books and chapbooks. Editor is Robert Sutherland (pictured above). Photo by Carol A. Schott.

Ron Deverman, current president of Illinois Writers, Inc., talks shop with Elizabeth Klein, co-founder, at the 5th annual WordsFair in Bloomington. IWI is a not-for-profit organization for writers. For more information write: Illinois Writers, Inc., P.O. Box 562, Macomb, IL 61455.



# August 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> Michael Anania, Chicago, poetry, fiction.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Traveling? Your library card from any Corn Belt Library System Library can be used at many other libraries throughout the state and books can be returned locally.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Susan E. Kirby, McLean, children's books, romances.
<b>11</b> Catherine Woolley (Jane Thayer) Chicago, children's books.	<b>12</b> Ailene Hayes Schneider, Minonk, poetry, non-fiction.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <p><i>a lone lily blanketed by roadside dust-- gentle summer rain</i> -Ralph A. Bellas.</p>	<b>15</b> Kathryn Kerr, Urbana, poetry.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Karole Hough, Pontiac, fiction, poetry.  Terrie Joplin, Pontiac, fiction.  Janet Lewis Winters, Chicago, fiction, poetry.
		Modern oil paintings by Professor C. Louis Steinburg reflect night scenes in Bloomington-Normal. The artist's experience driving through the twin cities on a rainy night triggered perceptions carried out in the paintings. Lights reflected in the rainy street and also in a companion's eye glasses formed the basis for these works.	<b>1</b> Samuel Arthur Campbell, Watseka, children's nature books	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b> Alice Rogers Hager, 1894-1969, Peoria, fiction, non-fiction.



18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	James Gould Cozzens, Chicago, fiction.			Ray Brad- bury, Waukegan, fiction.	Edgar Lee Masters, 1868-1950, Petersburg, poetry, fiction.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Robin Currie, Peoria, children's books.	Theodore Dreiser, Chicago, fiction.					Ann Yezner Weil, Harrisburg, children's books.

Jane Addams, Democracy and Social Ethics: And Other Essays.  
 John P. Atgeld, Live Questions.  
 Robert Bray, Rediscoveries, Literature and Place in Illinois.,  
 Frank Crane, Adventures in Common Sense.  
 Nancy Eberle, Return to Main Street.  
 Francis Grierson, The Celtic Temperament and Other Essays.  
 Elbert Hubbard, It Seems to Me: Philistine Essays.  
 Jerry Klein, Played in Peoria.  
 Lloyd Lewis, Myths After Lincoln.  
 Edgar Mowrer, Umano and the Price of Lasting Peace.  
 Donald Peattie, An Almanac for Moderns.  
 Mike Royko, Sez Who? Sez Me; Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago.  
 Adlai Stevenson, New America; What I Think.  
 Studs Terkel, American Dreams: Lost and Found.  
 Edwin Way Teale, A Walk Through the Year; Across America.

## Essayists





# September 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Jean Burden, Waukegan, poetry & non-fiction. Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1878-1950, Chicago, fiction.	<b>2</b> LABOR DAY David Pichaske, Peoria, poetry, non-fiction.	<b>3</b> Eugene Field, 1850-1895, Chicago, poetry, non-fiction.	<b>4</b> Bettie Wilson Story, Bloomington, children's books. Richard Wright, Chicago, fiction.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Elizabeth Irons Folsom, 1878-1976, Bloomington, fiction. Mark Wyman, Normal, history.	<b>9</b> Glenn W. Dresbach, 1889-1968, Lanark, poetry.	<b>10</b> Carl Van Doren, 1885-1950, Hope, IL, non-fiction, Pulitzer Prize.	<b>11</b> Litta Kinsella, Pontiac, non-fiction.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Hamlin Garland, 1860-1940, Oregon, fiction, Pulitzer Prize.
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> ROSH HASHANAH	<b>17</b> Elizabeth Enright, 1889-1968, Oak Park, children's books, Newbery Medal.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Mike Royko, Chicago, non-fiction, Pulitzer Prize.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>



22	Ralph A. Bellas, Normal, poetry, non-fiction.	23	
24	Robert L. Taylor, Carbondale, fiction and non-fiction, Pulitzer Prize.	25	YOM KIPPUR
26	Greg Koos, Bloomington, history & poetry.  Don Munson, Bloomington, non-fiction.	27	
28	Kay Murphy, Champaign-Urbana, poetry.		



Some of Rachel Crothers's plays include: Susan and God, He and She, As Husbands Go, Nice People, A Man's World and Three of Us. (Photo courtesy of the McLean County Historical Society).

Rachel Crothers was born in Bloomington in 1878 and received a degree from Illinois State Normal School in 1892. In 1895 she left Bloomington for New York and became the greatest woman playwright the nation has known. She wrote 37 plays, 20 of which played Broadway. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and her works are still being produced in the 1980's. She died in 1958.

Elizabeth Corbett, Aurora, fiction.

29 Stuart M. Kaminsky, Chicago, mystery writer.


Barbara Mertz (Barbara Michael, Elizabeth Peters) Canton, fiction.

## Playwrights & Screen Writers

Robert Ardrey (playwright & screen writer), God and Texas.  
John Ficca (playwright), Circles.  
James Goldman (screen writer) Lion in Winter.  
William Goldman (screen writer) Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.  
Ben Hecht (screen writer) Spellbound, Wuthering Heights.  
John Kirk (playwright) Judas; Martin Luther, Apostle of Defiance.  
David Mamet (playwright), Reunion; Dark Pony.  
Archibald MacLeish (playwright), This Music Crept By Me Upon the Water.  
Johnston McCulley (screen writer), Zorro.  
Samson Raphaelson (screen writer and playwright), The Perfect Marriage.  
Sam Shepard (playwright and screen writer), Rocking Chair.



# October 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ARTS MONTH	2	3 Tom Page, Urbana, fic- tion and poetry.	4 Daniel Curley, Urbana, fiction & poetry.  Michael Van Walleghe, Urbana, poetry.	5 Betty Bates, Evanston, children's books.
6 Georgene Faulkner, Chicago, children's books.  Sylvia Tester, Elgin, children's books.	7 Robert C. Bray, Bloom- ington, non- fiction.	8	9	10 Rita Kohn, Normal, poetry, fic- tion, drama.	11	12
13	14	15 POETRY DAY	16 Robert Ardrey, 1908- 1980, Chi- cago, plays.	17 Lerone Bennett, Jr., Chicago, non-fiction.  Yvor Winters, Chicago, poetry.	18	19



20	For almost any kind of information ask at your public library!	21	James Buel, Golconda, non-fiction.  Emily Clark Miller, 1833-1913, Evanston, novelist.	23	Michael Crichton, Chicago, fiction.	24		25	Frances Priddy, Decatur, children's books.	26	
27	Terrence Lore Smith, Bloomington, fiction.  Ronald Fair, Chicago, fiction.	28	Late October rose. In my garden nothing else Any longer blooms. - Ralph A. Bellas.	29		30	Caroline Crane, Chicago, children's books.	31	Traveller's Poem  Through the window cars slide by, drawn evenly along the highway. I raise my head and set them running straight along the cafe's iron railing.  This is flat land-- Illinois. Motion out there is in horizontals.  Here inside waitresses are swinging their intricate criss-crosses vertically over me.  Eaters bow, turn, swallow, clatter their platitudes.  My pen jiggles its signatures-- words walk slow patterns down the page.		

There are hundreds of Illinois authors currently writing poetry. Below is a brief sampling of some of the most well-known Illinois poets:

Michael Anania  
Gwendolyn Brooks  
George Chambers  
Dave Etter  
Bruce Guernsey  
Angela Jackson  
John Knoepfle  
Laurence Lieberman  
Josephine Miles  
Lisel Mueller  
John Frederick Nims  
Michael Van Walleghe


## Poets - Present

Pictured above is Illinois Poet Laureate, Gwendolyn Brooks. She was born in 1917 in Topeka, Kansas, but has lived most of her life in Chicago. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 and has received honorary degrees from 38 universities and colleges. A few of her books include: Selected Poems, In the Mecca and Aloneness.

-James McGowan, Bloomington  
from Iris #1, 1972.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>3</b> James Reston, Champaign-Urbana, non-fiction, Pulitzer Prize.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Robert D. Sutherland, Normal, fiction, poetry.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Sam Shepard, Ft. Sheridan, playwright.</p>	<p><b>6</b> James Jones, 1921-1977, Robinson, novels.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Lynn Hall, Lombard, children's books.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Vachel Lindsay, 1879-1931, Springfield, poetry.</p> <p>Priscilla C. Price, Bloomington, poetry.</p>	<p><b>11</b> VETERANS DAY</p>	<p><b>12</b> Ron Deverman, Springfield, poetry.</p> <p>Ray Judson Snell, Evanston, children's books.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Free recorded books &amp; playing equipment for those unable to read standard print. Call 1-800-322-9164.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
				<p><b>1</b> Gail Brook Burket, Evanston, poetry, non-fiction.</p> <p>Ruth Painter Randall, 1892-1971, Urbana, history.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	
<p><i>Original drawings by: Allan Sutherland.</i></p>						



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18 Duane Taylor  
Carthage,  
poetry.

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20 John  
Frederick  
Nims,  
Chicago, poetry.

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23 Wilson Tucker  
Heyworth,  
science fic-  
tion.

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Helga Sand-  
burg, Elm-  
hurst, fic-  
tion, poetry,  
daughter of Carl  
Sandburg.

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26 Albert  
Britt, 1874-  
1969, Utah,  
Illinois, non-  
fiction.

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28 THANKSGIVING  
DAY  
Nelson Algren,  
1909-1981, Chi-  
cago, fiction.

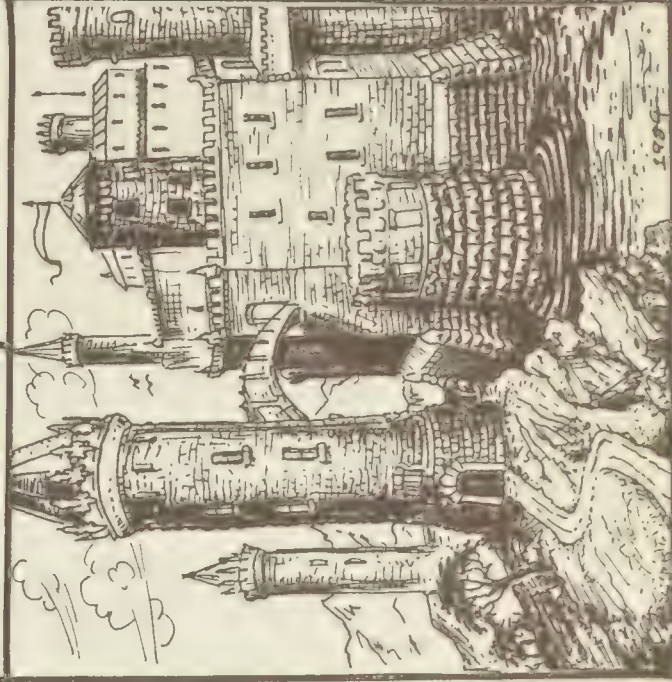
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David  
Mamet,  
Chicago,  
playwright.

## Children's Writers

Richard Atwater, Mr. Popper's Penguins.  
Elizabeth Enright, Thimble Summer; Then There Were Five.  
Margaret Friskey, Chicken Little Count to Ten.  
Irene Hunt, Across Five Aprils; Up a Road Slowly.  
Jacqueline Jackson, The Taste of Spruce Gum.  
Susan Kirby, Ike and Porker.  
Cornelia Lynde Meigs, The Story of Louisa Alcott.  
Richard Peck, Monster Night at Grandma's House.  
Stella Pevsner, And You Give Me a Pain Elaine.  
Bettie Wilson Story, The Other Side of the Tell.  
Robert Sutherland, Sticklewort and Feverfew.





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1	2	3	4	5 Vincent Sheean, 1899-1975, Pana, non-fiction	6 Cornelia L. Meigs, Rock Island, children's books.  H. Clay Tate, Normal, non-fiction.	7
8 HANUKKAH	9 Give yourself a gift that lasts for years. Get a library card!	10	11	12 Baker Brownell, 1887-1965, Chicago, non-fiction.	13 Drew Pearson, 1897-1969, Evanston, non-fiction.	14
15	16 Ralph J. Mills, Jr., Chicago, poetry.	17	18 Jan Barrett Lexington, editor, <u>Illinois Artisans and Craftsmen.</u>	19 Jerry Klein, Peoria, essays, fiction.	20	21



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Edwin L. Sabin, Rockford, westerns, adventure books for boys.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Paul M. Angle, 1900-1975, Springfield, history.

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Richard Tupper Atwater, 1892-1948, Chicago, children's books.

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Lucia Getsi, Bloomington, poetry.

### Scrap Book

I made a scrap book in my mind  
To cherish on a winter day.  
I walked along a country lane  
And gathered things for it--in May.  
Thorn apple blossoms falling free,  
A goldfinch flitting tree to tree,  
A little brook's sweet-singing edge  
A large-eyed rabbit in the hedge.  
No need to cut nor sort nor paste  
I simply file these things away  
Deep in the scrap book of my mind  
To look at on a winter's day!

-Helen Baker Adams.

## Poets-Past

Some of the most well-known poets from Illinois' past include:

Eugene Field  
Richard Hovey  
Vachel Lindsay  
Archibald MacLeish  
Edgar Lee Masters  
Harriet Monroe  
Paul Scott Mowrer  
Carl Sandburg  
Mark Van Doren  
William Wantling

See also: Illinois Poets, A Selection, edited by

E. Earle Stibitz.



Helen Baker Adams lived in Bloomington for more than 40 years. She had degrees in English and Latin from the University of Illinois and taught in a country grade school. More than 1,000 of her poems were published during her lifetime. Her book of poems, And So--I Stayed, was published in 1978. At the time of her death in 1983, she was working on a group of short stories about the dolls in her antique doll collection. Two of her favorites are pictured above.



# CORN BELT LIBRARY SYSTEM

In compiling material for this calendar, I read through thousands of names, talked to many people, consulted directories, reference materials, books and book lists. Authors listed under specific themes are not necessarily the only important writers in these areas. Rather than providing definitive lists, the purpose of this calendar is to give the people of Illinois some sense of the richness and diversity of the literature which this state has produced and is producing. Further information about Illinois authors can be obtained, of course, at your public library.

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-Joanne M. Riley, Editor  
Corn Belt Library System

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Dominy Memorial Library, Fairbury  
Dwight Public Library  
El Paso Public Library  
Farmer City Public Library  
Filger Library, Minonk  
Forrest Township Public Library  
Gridley Township Public Library  
Lexington Public Library  
Martin Township Library, Colfax  
Mt. Hope Township Library, McLean  
Normal Public Library  
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Pontiac Public Library  
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